GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3681
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2005
EXPORT OF RICE PADDY
Subba Shri Moni Kumar

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pesticides much above the maximum residual levels prescribed by the FAO have been found in the rice and paddy produced in Assam and other North Eastern States;

(b) if so, whether any shipments of export-rice/paddy have been rejected and returned on this ground during the last six months;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the loss incurred on this account; and

(e) the steps taken to remove excess residual pesticide from rice/paddy stocks and to check them thoroughly before being shipped/released for sale?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): No case of pesticide residue contamination of rice produced in Assam and other North Eastern States has come to the notice of this Ministry.

(b): No case of rejection of export consignment of rice due to pesticide residue contamination has come to the notice of this Ministry.

(c) to (e): Do not arise.